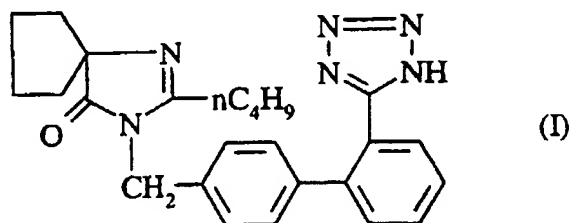


IN THE CLAIMS

1. **(previously amended)** A crystalline compound of formula:



having a crystal habit such that the ratio between the length and the width of the crystals is between 1:1 and 10:1.

2. **(previously amended)** A crystalline compound according to Claim 1, in which the ratio between the length and the width of the crystals is between 1:1 and 5:1.
3. **(previously amended)** A novel crystalline form of irbesartan of form A wherein the ratio between the length and the width of the crystals is between 1:1 and 5:1.

Claims 4-27. **(cancelled)**

28. **(previously amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 and pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
29. **(previously amended)** A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 28 further comprising a diuretic agent.
30. **(previously amended)** A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 29, in which the diuretic agent is hydrochlorothiazide.

Claims 31-40. **(cancelled)**

41. **(previously added)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 2 and pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

42. **(previously added)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 3 and pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Claims 43-45. **(cancelled)**